

Water Integration Project Meeting Minutes November 6, 2002, ID-N

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Safety Share

Jeff Perry provided the meeting Safety Share.

Overview of 2003 Work Plan

Doug Burns provided a presentation on the 2003 Work Plan. The presentation is available on the Water Integration Project website. Highlights included:

After reviewing the goals referenced in various documents, it was determined that the three goals listed in the Hydrogeology tour guide were preferred. These are:

1. Enhance scientific understanding of surface water, groundwater, and contaminant movement at the INEEL;
2. Improve the technical basis for making INEEL cleanup decisions;
3. Strengthen and better coordinate INEEL groundwater and vadose zone monitoring programs.

The major work scope is comprised of six items.

1. Conceptual Model Development;
2. Science Strategy Development;
3. Stakeholder Involvement;
4. Monitoring/Drilling Summary;
5. Information Management System Development;
6. Cumulative Risk Tool Development. (currently not funded)

The work breakdown structure reflects the 2003 project scope. Highlighted items are planned for this year. Other items shown may be added to current year work scope if additional funding is received.

Questions were asked regarding the Electronic Library Development. Three pieces are envisioned for the Information Management System included under this module; a sampling database, a hydrogeological data repository, and a system to capture this data for use in mapping and reporting.

The FY03 timeline includes major goals only. A brief status of some of the goals was given.

- Conceptual Model – Comment resolution is being completed. Aquifer document still has pieces to be incorporated in it, but it is a living document and it is planned to revise the document as additional information becomes available.
- Science Strategy – A list of Operational problems is being developed. Interviews were conducted and a list of 120 problems was developed. This list is being prioritized and then a determination will be made on which items will have test plans developed for problem resolution. Specifics on problems to be addressed and what research is currently being conducted that might apply need to be obtained. It is planned to complete this prioritization by mid-February. After the prioritization activity is completed, proposal

requests will be developed. With the currently level of funding, it is hoped that draft proposals will be developed for 5 – 10 of the higher priority problems.

The Water Integration Project is set up to initiate these activities.

Doug Burns has been requested to support WAG 7 until the end of January. Al Yonk will act for Doug. Doug will still be available to participate on some activities such as the Project Execution Plan development and some trips.

Upcoming Stakeholder Interactions

Jan Brown reported on Stakeholder Involvement activities. Jan and Doug will meet with Julie Scanlin, the Idaho Project WET coordinator, in Boise on November 14. This meeting is to scope out what is happening throughout Idaho to improve students' knowledge and understanding about groundwater issues, find out what the needs are, and discuss an aquifer academy white paper. Other meetings scheduled in Boise on the 14th include presentations to the Idaho Food Producers and the Idaho Department of Water Resources Planning Bureau.

Information was received from Reuel Smith pertaining to opportunities for media coverage. Should Water Integration tasks be offered up and if so, to what degree? Appropriate protocol would be followed for all media interactions.

Jan will be making a presentation to the IAP2 Intermountain Chapter conference in Ogden on November 16th. Our Stakeholder Involvement Plan and other outreach products will be critiqued by this peer group.

The Idaho Council for Industry and the Environment (ICIE) is adding the INEEL Water Integration Project to their annual legislative workshop program as one of the tasks under their new subcontract. This opportunity was offered as a result of the Hydrogeology field tours. The High Country RC&D and the Snake River Alliance have both offered to host a tour in the Spring of 2003. ICIE will also be organizing three legislative briefings for state legislators, county commissioners, and the general public to be held in December in north Idaho, Boise, and Pocatello.

The SSI group gave a tour for new employees and requested copies of our tour guide for distribution. Additional Hydrogeology tour guides are going to be printed next year. If you have any comments on the guide, please provide them to Jan.

Stakeholder activities continue to get more people involved in the project.

Review of Action Log

- 45. Complete CM Document for Internal Review. RFP has been sent to North Wind and we are waiting on their response.
- 48. Identify Cumulative Risk Tool Funding. Additional funding is being pursued.
- 49. Set schedule for monthly meetings. The schedule has been set. Stakeholder meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month. These will be held in a larger conference room to accommodate the additional participants. This action is closed.
- 53. Develop Headquarters presentation. Presentation was drafted and given to Jeff for review.

Upcoming events - Monthly Meeting topics

December – Aquifer Academy Ideas	-	Jan Brown
January – Science Strategy Development	-	Al Yonk
February – Information Management Requirements	-	Randy Lee
March – Conceptual Model Progress	-	Paul Wichlacz
April – Hydrology Field Tours – discussion of 2003 plans	-	Jan Brown

Actions

- 1. Project Execution Plan due by end of November (Doug Burns)
- 2. Make separate heading for Stakeholder topics/events.